

Marine Safety Office Houston-Galveston
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Port Security Information Bulletin

PSIB 03-04

CDC Security Zone Operating Requirements for Texas City

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The temporary security zone announced in PSIB 01-04 has been refined. This zone is established as follows:

The Coast Guard has established a temporary security zone for the Port of Texas City Channel, Turning Basin and Industrial Canal containing all waters bounded by the area south and west of a line drawn between Texas City Channel Light 19 (LLNR-24810) through Cut B Inner Range Front Light (LLNR-24765) and terminating on land in position 29° 23' 16", 095° 53' 15" W (NAD 83). This security zone is needed to protect vessels, waterfront facilities, the public, and other surrounding areas from destruction, loss, or injury caused by sabotage, subversive acts, accidents, or other actions of a similar nature performed by individuals or groups reacting to current world events. All vessels carrying Certain Dangerous Cargoes (CDCs) are prohibited from entering into, departing from or moving within the security zone unless authorized to do so by the Captain of the Port Houston-Galveston or a designated representative.

This rule is effective from midnight (12 a.m.) January 2, 2004 through 6 a.m. March 1, 2004.

CDC vessels shall request permission to enter into, depart from, move within, or remain in the security zone. To avoid delays while waiting for a Coast Guard escort to arrive on scene, CDC vessels should contact VTS Houston/Galveston on VHF channel 5A, by telephone at (713) 671-5103, or by facsimile at (713) 671-5159 at least 4 hours prior to the time the CDC vessel anticipates entering into, departing from, or moving within the security zone. Additional information on identification of Certain Dangerous Cargoes is provided in PSIB 02-04.

This measure is part of a comprehensive port security regime designed to safeguard human life, vessels, and waterfront facilities against sabotage or terrorist attacks. This PSIB remains in effect until further notice. PSIB 01-04 is hereby cancelled. Recipients should ensure appropriate company personnel are made aware of its contents. For general information, contact 713-671-5100.

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